

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/JP2005/001833

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-44 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 2-6 as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1, 7, 8 received by this Authority on 16.02.2006
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1-21 as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1.	Statement		
	Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
		Claims <u>1-8</u>	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
2.	Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
	<p>Document 1: JP 10-187638 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corporation), 21 July 1998, entire text; all drawings</p> <p>Document 2: JP 2001-22599 A (Fujitsu Limited), 26 January 2001, entire text; all drawings</p> <p>Document 3: JP 10-63511 A (Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd.), 6 March 1998, paragraphs 0036 to 0052</p> <p>Claims 1 to 8</p> <p>Document 1 sets forth a cluster system comprising a plurality of computers which execute package programs, wherein when a state in which package programs cannot be executed is detected, substitute package programs are executed on the other computers. In addition, document 2 sets forth a system comprising a plurality of processors, wherein it is determined whether each processor takes over the task which was being executed by a processor which failed. Moreover, document 3 indicates that a correspondence table between application program names and function names is provided, and if the application program which is required is not present, an application program with a similar function is started up in order to assist the function of said application program.</p>		